



MOST INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN
AFRICAN POWER

2015

Your definitive guide to the movers and shakers
in Africa's electricity and power industry

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Top 3 predictions for the power sector in 2015

Acceleration of the availability of renewable energy funding for sub-Saharan countries

The beginnings of the 'solarization' of Africa with the private sector adopting solar into their energy consumption mix at a breakneck pace

The expansion of solar diesel hybrid mini-grids across all of Africa



Ameet Shah

Co-chairman and Director
Aston eld Renewables



Career

Ameet co-founded Aston eld Renewables in 2007 and has since then established the company, a provider of renewable energy, in the developing markets of India, Middle East and East Africa. Through his efforts and guidance Aston eld has:

- Achieved cost leadership in the field of solar power generation in its primary markets
- Expanded its utility-scale solar power generation projects into five countries
- Begun delivering industrial solar power solutions to East African corporations at less than \$0.10 per Kwh
- Achieved the first CRISIL A-rating for a solar power plant in India
- Developed over 20MW of solar operational assets, 17MW under construction and 270MW under advanced development

Notable achievements

- Ameet and his company received a Global Green Award at World Trade Week in New York City in 2011
- He is the only internationally-based expert to be appointed to the US Department of Commerce Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Committee for his second term in 2014
- Under his leadership, Aston eld received the US Export Achievement Award for Renewable Energy from the US Department of Commerce in 2010, recognised as a pioneering company of excellence in the development of global opportunities for clean energy

Top strategic projects 2015/2016

- 100MW utility scale solar power plants in Kenya: This \$150 million project will add approximately 2% more energy to Kenya's current generation capacity
- Aston eld is delivering solar power at \$.08-\$0.10 per kWh to industrial companies operating in Kenya

Biggest obstacles facing your organisation

- Stable regulatory policy
- Project finance availability
- Political stability
- Limited evacuation facilities to feed solar power into the grid

Most valuable lesson learnt

Find passion in what you are doing and stay with it over the long haul

Role model

Elon Musk - a great leader who took huge bets and risked everything because he believed in his mission to make a positive change in the world